

(2) and three (3) years before the line of said railroad was located, and before the said lands were surveyed; and

WHEREAS, Under the ruling of the general land office the settlers on said lands are deprived of the benefits arising under the homestead laws of the United States; therefore

*Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their influence to secure the passage of a law securing to the class of settlers above named the same rights under the homestead laws of the United States, relative to the lands upon which they have settled, that they would have to any lands subject to settlement and pre-emption and not included within the limits of any railroad land grant.

*Resolved,* That the secretary of state be and he hereby is directed to send an authenticated copy of the above resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 10, 1873.

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## NUMBER XV.

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, ASKING FOR THE PASSAGE BY CONGRESS OF A LAW GRANTING PENSIONS TO PERSONS DISABLED IN THE INDIAN WAR OF 1862 AND 1863.

WHEREAS, A large number of the citizens of this state who were organized into companies and rendered military service against the Indians in the Minnesota Indian war of 1862 and 1863, were wounded in the line of their duty, and became [thereby] disabled for life; therefore,

*Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the state of Minnesota :*

That our senators and representatives in congress be, and they are hereby requested to obtain, if possible, the passage of a law by congress granting a pension to the class of persons above named.

*Resolved,* That the secretary of state transmit authenticated copies

of this resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 10, 1873.

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## NUMBER XVI.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PROSECUTE  
THE SAINT PAUL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

WHEREAS, Complaints are constantly being made that the Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad Company has made an exclusive agreement with certain parties, viz.: Hill, Griggs & Co., or their assigns, whereby the transportation of wood is made a monopoly, excluding all competition to shippers; and

WHEREAS, This operates as a troublesome and oppressive tax on the settler, and thus tends to depress and retard the development of certain districts of our state; and

WHEREAS, Said Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad Company has misused its power and violated the law relating to common carriers; therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

That the attorney general is hereby requested to cause proceedings to be instituted and prosecuted against said Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad Company in the proper court, according to law, in such case made and provided.

Approved March 10, 1873.

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## NUMBER XVII.

JOINT RESOLUTION TO FACILITATE THE SETTLEMENT OF THE TITLE TO  
SWAMP LANDS HERETOFORE GRANTED BY THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO  
STATE INSTITUTIONS AND RAILROADS.